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Maharaj Singh On Practical Steps To End Deadlock

But Cowasji Jehangir Demands That Mahatma Should Assure Total Support To War Effort As Way Out Of Impasse

Facilities for contact with Mahatma Gandhi and opportunities for discussions between him and the members of the Congress Working Committee, unconditional release of Congress leaders, a conference between them and the leaders of the Muslim League and representatives of other important minorities and interests with the immediate object of forming composite National Governments at the Centre and in the Provinces—these steps towards the solution of the political impasse in India were suggested by Raja Sir Maharaj Singh, in the course of his presidential address at the Twenty-Fourth session of the National Liberal Federation of India, which opened at the Cama Hall on Wednesday evening.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir, the Chairman of the Reception Committee of the Conference, however, struck a slightly different note and said that it was much more important "to give unequivocal assurances to the British public and to the peoples of the Allied Powers that all classes, all creeds, and all shades of political thought in India were behind this war."

COWASJI CRITICISES CONGRESS

Sir Cowasji, in the course of his speech, made a detailed survey of past events since the war, the Cripps proposals and their handling by the Congress, the steps leading to the passing of the resolution sanctioning Civil Disobedience on August 8 as well as the resolution itself and the events subsequent to it. He criticised the practical value of the creed of non-violence, stigmatised the "cult of Khaddar" as "Economically unsound and illogical", quoted Mr. Jinnah and Herbert Mathews, correspondent of the "New York Times" as proof of the effort of the Congress to get a totalitarian control. Of the August 8 resolution of the Congress, he said that it showed "a sense of irresponsibility unbelievable amongst men of wisdom and patriotism."

Suggesting that it would be a necessary pre-condition of any attempt to solve the deadlock that there should be an assurance of complete support to the war effort and that Mahatma Gandhi had the power to give this assurance, Sir Cowasji said:

"There is a persistent and consistent demand from all shades of political thought that this so-called deadlock should be solved and I am sure that all Liberals are as anxious as Congressmen, at present out of prison, and all other political parties who have voiced the same opinion. If we are anxious to help, first and foremost we must face realities. We must remember that the British public and the peoples of the Allied Powers cannot forget what has happened in India since August of last year. Those who have suggestions to make for the solution of this problem must keep this aspect of the case before them. Any tendency to ignore these realities will only make the task fruitless."

Concluding his address Sir Cowasji hoped that the New Year will bring the Allied nations a glorious and complete victory, and that India may be permitted to share in the fruits of a lasting peace which will enable her to build up a great political, social and economic future for her peoples."

KUNZRU'S INDICTMENT

Proposing Sir Maharaj Singh to the Chair, Sir Chimanlal Setalvad referred to the many high administrative posts he had held including the premiership of Kashmir from which he had only recently resigned after a brief tenure and said that the loss of Kashmir was the gain of the National Liberal Federation of India.

The proposal was seconded and supported by Pandit Hridayanath Kunzru, Mr. T. R. Venkatarama Sastry and Sir B. P. Singh Roy.

In the course of his remarks Pandit Kunzru described the present political and economic situation in the country. The one cardinal fact which they had to contend against was the unwillingness of the British Government to part with power. Recently, it was being stated that the Cripps Proposals still continued in force. He did not know on what facts such assurances were based. As far as he knew what the British Government had promised was Freedom if Indians could come to an agreement among themselves, notwithstanding the Government's Machiavellian machinations.

Turning to the economic conditions, Pandit Kunzru said that the present shortage of foodstuffs in general and the plight of Bengal in particular had shown the real character of British rule which had been so far held up as a model. But the Bengal famine showed the real results of this rule. It brought out clearly to what extent they had acted as trustees of the masses and borne their interests in mind. If such things had happened in another country, Government would not have lasted for a day. It was only in this country that notwithstanding what has happened in Bengal the Government could pretend to be the gaurdian of the interests of the people and tell the world that they could better serve the country than her own children.

MAHARAJ SINGH'S ADDRESS

Raja Sir Maharaj Singh in the course of his speech expressed the hope that 1944 would see the end of hostilities in Europe.

"India's sympathies have throughout been with the Allies and against the vicious ideology of Nazism and it is a matter of pride and gratification to us that Indian troops of whom, it is understood, nearly two millions are under arms or in training have played a gallant and valuable part in the successes of the Allies in Abyssinia, Syria, North Africa and more recently in Sicily and Italy."

He also said that they would have played an even more important role if they had been given opportunities of training, and if India had been industrialised.

After dealing with the causes of the Bengal famine, he said that it was essential that a 'Commission should be appointed in due course to ascertain the causes of this famine, to apportion responsibility and, even more, to prevent the recurrence of a similar calamity." He also referred to the general economic distress in the country and supported an austerity campaign for the rich, the grow more food campaign and also attempts to bring more land under cultivation.

Turning to the political situation, the speaker expressed the view that if the Cripps Proposals had been made in 1939 or early in 1940, when there was no demand for Pakistan and no threat of civil disobedience, it might have been more readily accepted.

Continuing he said: "Under present conditions, however, we are face to face with a divided India, with thousands of our fellow countrymen, including many prominent and popular leaders, in prison, the retention by European officials of the key departments of Finance, Defence and Home in the Government of India a complete absence of popular government in large portions of India, swollen prices, general distress and, last but not least, famine in large and densely populated areas. The suggestions of well-known Indian leaders and of Non-Party Conferences composed of moderate men sincerely anxious to bring about peace between the Government and the people have been brushed aside without assigning any reasons. Attempts to approach Mahatma Gandhi in order to ascertain his views and those of the Congress Working Committee in regard to the present political situation have been consistently refused on the plea that it was essential for Congress leaders first to denounce openly what they had previously commended. It is of little use, however, to dwell at length on past mistakes on this side or the other. A more profitable though a much more difficult task is to decide what practical steps can be taken for a solution of the present deplorable situation."

COMMUNAL QUESTION

Turning to the communal problem Sir Maharaj Singh did not conceal his apprehensions regarding Pakistan. He favoured a unitary Government. But the minority problem, in India as elsewhere was extremely difficult and could not be decided by easy generalisations. Whatever the final solution might be, he made a special appeal that the question should be postponed till the coming of peace at least.

Dealing with problems of post-war reconstruction he suggested the laying of the foundations of a "well-planned economy which would increase the cultivation of food, improve agricultural methods, expand rural reconstruction and industries, liquidate illiteracy, and raise the standard of living".

INDIANS OVERSEAS

Dealing with the problems of Indians Overseas, he referred to the hardships of Indians in South Africa who had "suffered under a system of deliberate filching of political and municipal rights previously enjoyed by them" and condemned the colour bar as "the most sinister and cruel of all bars". He suggested that all Asiatic countries should unitedly take up this question at the peace conference.

In conclusion he said: "The future of India lies with her people. United we stand; With this as our motto no power on earth can stop us from reaching in the near future the inspiring goal of free men and free women in a free country."

The Federation will resume its session to-day (Thursday).

MOTHER OF SUBHAS BOSE DEAD

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29

The death occurred on Tuesday midnight of Mrs. Provabati Bose, mother of Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose at her Calcutta residence. She was ailing for some time past and was 75 at the time of her death. She leaves behind seven sons, including Mr. Satish Chandra Bose, Municipal Councillor, Mr. Sarat Chandra Bose, now detained under Regulation III of 1818 and Mr. Subhas Chandra Bose.—United Press.

RUSSIANS CAPTURE KOROSTEN

MOSCOW, Dec. 29.

Korosten has been captured, it is officially announced.

Advanced Soviet patrols are to-day within ten miles of Zhitomir in the south-western corner of the Kiev salient, says Reuter's special correspondent.

South-west of Rastov on the southern edge of the salient the Red Army is to-day driving a wedge between the two German strongpoints of Berdichev and Byelaya Tserkov. The Russian thrust in this direction has in the past 24 hours taken them well beyond the furthest point reached in their original advance.—Reuter.

Peak Of Currency Expansion Not Reached Yet!

WALCHANDNAGAR, Dec. 28.

The question of agricultural tenancy was the subject of discussion at the first sitting of the fourth annual session of Indian Society of Agricultural Economics under the presidentship of Sir Manilal B. Nanavati. In all, eight papers examining the position of tenants in various provinces, were submitted to the Conference.

Dr. Gyan Chand of Patna University who presented a detailed study of the position of tenants in six Indian Provinces, pointed out that the system of crop-sharing, which was an important mode of payment of rent on lands cultivated by landless labour, was of ominous significance in the agrarian economy of the country. The chief defect of crop-sharing system Dr. Gyan Chand said, was that it damped the enthusiasm of the cultivator to improve the land and resulted in reckless use of soil. So long as this system continued, no improvement in the national output of agricultural products could be expected.

PLIGHT OF TENANTS

The burden of the papers submitted at the Conference was that the tenants almost throughout India were ill-paid. The land-lord took away a much larger portion of the yield than he was entitled to. The speakers suggested that land must be allowed to be held only by those who made the best use of it and endeavoured to raise its output.

Discussions on the second day of the society's sitting were confined to the problem of providing long-term agricultural finance, with special reference to land mortgage banks. In all, six papers were presented at the Conference. From the papers that were read at the Conference and in discussions that ensued some interesting points arose.

Dr. Querishi, head of the Economics Department of the Osmania University, expressed the opinion that, considering the very poor progress made by the land mortgage banks particularly, and the co-operative movement generally, the movement was a miserable failure. He, therefore, strongly advocated extension of credit facilities by the State as was being done in the United States of America.

"BLANKET CONTROL" ADVOCATED

The present food situation in the country was the subject of an interesting discussion on the third and the last day of the session. Inaugurating the discussion, Prof. D. R. Gadgil, Poona gave a penetrating analysis of the food situation in the country and strongly recommended that the cultivator who was asked to grow food grains in place of other crops should be provided with some definite monetary incentive. Otherwise, "the grow more food" campaign might prove a flop once again.

As regards the immediate solution of the problem Prof. Gadgil advocated adoption of "blanket control" which should be administered by the Central Government in a co-ordinated manner.

Wounding up the discussion on the food situation Dr. Gyan Chand drew pointed attention to inflation and stated most emphatically that it was wrong to say that the peak of currency expansion had been passed. With monetary authorities continuing to pump more and more currency into circulation week after week, the so-called anti-inflationary measures could hardly achieve the desired object. "I am afraid," said Dr. Gyan Chand. "We are not out of the wood yet and we will not be out of it for some time to come.—A. P.

Plot Against Chilean Govt.

SANTIAGO DE CHILE, Dec. 29.

The Minister for the Interior, Senor Oswaldo Iriarte announced that the Chilean Government has discovered a plot by Chileans and foreigners to overthrow the Republican regime. Government categorically repudiated it as "calumny" and the plotters' propaganda that a section of the Chilean armed forces were prepared to back them. "All foreigners who showed themselves unworthy of our hospitality will be expelled from the country and those Chileans who earned severe punishment will be handed over to justice".—Reuter.

KING RECEIVES CHINESE MISSION

LONDON, Dec. 29: The King at Buckingham Palace received members of the Chinese Goodwill Mission who are visiting Britain. They were introduced by the Chinese Ambassador and the King shook hands with each of the Chinese bidding them welcome to the country.—Reuter.

LATEST COMMERCIAL

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U. S. 'Planes Raid Rabaul

Latest Reports Of Allied Efforts In Pacific, China And Burma

TOKYO, Dec. 29.

Rabaul, the Japanese base in New Britain was raided by 50 Allied plases early yesterday, said a Japanese Imperial Headquarters 'communique' to-day.

PEARL HARBOUR: Headquarters of the United States Commander-in-Chief in the Pacific, Admiral Chester Nimitz reported further American air raids on Marshall Islands on Sunday. Liberators, Vetura bombers and fighters participated in the actions in which one Japanese fighter was destroyed.

CHINESE ATTEMPT TO FREE 'RICEBOWL'

CHUNGKING: Chinese forces in their drive to free the ricebowl area of Central China are pressing their attack on Hwajung and Shihsow, the Japanese held bases 120 miles south-west of Hankow, says the Chinese war communique. The Japanese troops west of Huto river have been mopped up. The Chinese troops have crossed the river and are driving through the network of waterways between Lake Tungting and the Yagtse river.

Japanese planes yesterday carried out several raids over the Kiangsi and Kwantung Provinces, state reports reaching Chungking, many civilian casualties resulted from a raid by eighteen Japanese planes on Schukwan, north of Canton.

CHINS DO THEIR BIT ON BURMA FRONT

NEW DELHI: Small Chin patrols continue to penetrate far into enemy territory in the wild, mountainous country on the Assam-Burma front, wreaking havoc on their lines of communication, writes an Indian Army Observer.

The patrols have been so successful that for weeks they have lived on captured rations.—A. P.

Stage Set For Editors' Conference

Natesan Elected Reception Committee Chairman

MADRAS, Dec. 29.

A meeting of the Madras members of the All-India Newspaper Editors' Conference was held this afternoon at "Kasturi Buildings", Mount Road, to concert arrangements for holding the annual session of the Conference on the 10th and 11th January.

It was resolved to constitute all provincial members of the Conference into a Reception Committee. Mr. G. A Natesan, Editor "Indian Review", was unanimously elected Chairman of the Reception Committee and an Executive Committee, consisting of Messrs. K. Srinivasan, A. A. Hayles, C R. Srinivasan, Ramanath Goenka, S. S. Vasan, S. V. Swami and Shambhu Prasad, with Mr. Goenka as the Convenor and Mr. Vasan as the Treasurer, was also appointed.

Mr. Vasan's offer to place his studio grounds (Gemini Movieland) at the disposal of the Committee for holding the conference was gratefully accepted.

Members visiting Madras in connection with the Conference are requested to intimate telegraphically to Mr. Ramanath Goenka if they desire arrangements to be made for their stay in Madras.—A. P.

FROM NEW DEAL TO WIN-THE-WAR

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

President Roosevelt called for an end of the American economic isolation in the post-war world at his press conference on Tuesday. He also endorsed an expanded social and economic post-war programme for the United States. He parried as "Picayunish" (petty) questions whether this called for a fourth term. The President made a long and vigorous review of the new deal domestic programme in answering critics of his recent suggestion that the unofficial name of the administration be changed from "new deal" to "win the war".

Throughout his discussion, the President used a parable stating "Doctor, new deal" cured the country of internal disorder and now "doctor win the war" must cure the patient.—Reuter.

STOP PRESS

NAZI RETREAT IN KIEV BULGE

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 29: The Germans have made new retreats in the Kiev bulge where the Russians are continuing their attacks to force a decisive break-through, said the German controlled Scandinavian Telegram Bureau to-night.—Reuter.

LONDON, Dec. 29.

Raiders were over Britain this afternoon for the first time since before Christmas.

The attack was made on the south-east coast of England. Heavy anti-aircraft barrage was heard for some minutes. R.A.F. fighters were also heard.—Reuter.

ORTONA CLEARED OF GERMANS

ALGIERS, Dec. 29.

It is officially announced that Ortona has been cleared of the Germans.

LONDON: The German-Controlled Vichy Radio said to-day: "German troops which were still resisting in the port of Ortona evacuated their last positions there in order to avoid being encircled from the west.

Indian formations of the Eighth Army have increased their pressure in the direction of the village of Tollo on the road leading to the lateral highway Pescara-Rome.

On the Fifth Army front fierce fighting has flared up around Mount Sanmucro. The Americans have captured two heights dominating the village of San Vittore."

Allied Headquarters, North Africa: To-day's Communique states:—

"LAND: Our troops cleared Ortona of the enemy and are continuing to advance up the coast, though hindered by high wind and snow. New ground was gained by Indian troops in Villagrande area. Further south, in rugged mountain country, French Moroccan troops succeeded after fierce fighting in seizing the peaks they had been assaulting. British troops of the Fifth Army beat off a sharp enemy attack near the mount of the Garigliano river".—Reuter.

BANE OF FOREIGN EDUCATION

Rani Of Sondur Speaks To Maratha Women

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

In the course of her presidential address in Marathi at the fourth session of the All-India Maratha Women's Conference at the Framji Cowasji Institute Hall, the Ranisaheb of Sondur criticised the influence of foreign education on the Maratha women and observed:—"I am definitely of opinion that women should receive education because, after all, man and woman are like the wheels of a common chariot. This however, should not be taken to mean I fully approve of the education we receive to-day. I fear the present-day education has altogether a wrong basis, especially in the case of women. We are forgetting our own culture due to the influence of foreign education."

Referring to the equality of rights the president observed:—

"Women of to-day wrongly believe that they must compete with men in University education. Strictly speaking, there is no question of competition at all, because I do not consider women to be inferior in any way. The spheres of activity of men and women are different. It is on women that the future generation depends. Let her devote her attention to make that generation great and useful for the country. Let us give to each Maratha girl only such education as would enable her to play the role of a worthy guardian of India's future citizens".

The presidential address of the Rani of Sondur was read by Mrs. Vimalabai Panjabrao Deshmukh of the Central Provinces in the absence of the president.

Increase In Court Fees

BOMBAY, Dec. 29.

The Bombay Increase of Court Fees Bill and the Bombay Increase of Stamp Duties Bill, having received the assent of His Excellency the Governor, are published in to-day's "Bombay Government Gazette".

The Increase of Court Fees Act levies a surcharge of 25 per cent. on fees leviable under the Court Fees Act, from January 1, 1944.

The Increase of Stamp Duties Act levies a surcharge of 50 per cent on the duties leviable under the Indian Stamp Act from January 1, 1944. The surcharge will not be added to the duties on bills of exchange, cheques, promissory notes, bills of lading, letters of credit, insurance policies, proxies and receipts.

JAIPUR REFORMS SCHEME

NEW DELHI, Dec. 27.

It is learnt that Constitutional Reforms are to be launched in Jaipur State. The edifice of Reforms are to be erected on the Mysore model. There will be two houses Representatives Assembly and Council. The former will consist of 125 members and the latter 51, members the Council will be the main nerve of reforms. It will consist of 37 elected and 14 nominated members. Election will be by joint electorate with effective minority representation.

Move For Hindu-Sikh Rapprochement

AMRITSAR, Dec. 29.

An attempt to bring about a rapprochement between Hindus and Sikhs was made at a dinner party to which nearly 30 leaders of both sides were invited by Sardar Inder Singh of Cawnpore at his residence at Amritsar. Those present included Dr. Shyama Prasad Mukerji, Dr. B. S. Moonje, Sir Gokal Chand Narang, Raja Maheshwar Dyal Seth, Master Tara Singh and Sardar Santokhsingh, M.L.A. there was a free and frank discussion behind closed doors for over two hours. While nothing definite was decided it was agreed that further attempts should be made to bring about a complete reconciliation in view of the ardent desire of both the parties.

Dr. Shyama Prasad Mookerji is leaving by car for Lahore this afternoon.—A. P.

MRS. PANDIT CANCELS TOUR PROGRAMME

LUCKNOW Dec 29.

In view of the continued illness of Mr. R. S. Pandit, Mrs. Vijayalakshmi Pandit is unable to fulfil her engagements during the next fortnight and is cancelling her tour programme which included a visit to Orissa

Mrs. Pandit will be staying on in Lucknow for the present.—A. P.

LAHORE: A purse of Rs. 1,000 was presented to Dr. Mukherjee by the Bengali residents of Lahore at a reception arranged in his honour.

STEPPING STONE FOR ALLIED INVASION

British Commandos "Attempt Landing" On Channel Islands

BERLIN Dec. 29.

It is semi-officially announced that British Commandos attempted landing on Island Sark in the English Channel Islands.

LONDON, Dec. 29: The German report of British Commandos attempted landing on the Island of Sark in the Channel Islands recalls the previous raid on the island reported in October 1942.

German forces occupied the Channel islands at the end of June 1940. The islands are from 15 to 30 miles off the west coast of Cherbourg Peninsula and are strategically valuable stepping stones for an Allied invasion of the French coast providing first rate fighter bases for tactical support of any landing operation.

After the first small scale raid on Sark, first-hand information about ill-treatment of British residents on the island was obtained. A proclamation was seized signed by the German Commandant stating that all male civilians between 16 and 70 non-resident and not born there had been deported to Germany.—Reuter.

NO ANGLO-AMERICAN DISAGREEMENT

Washington Statement On Invasion Of Europe

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

The Joint Chiefs of Staff of the Army and Navy in a statement issued yesterday declared that the exact proportion of Americans to British which would see action in North-Western Europe is a military secret which cannot be disclosed. The statement read: "There has been no disagreement between American and British Chiefs on the proportion, for both countries are going to hit the common enemy with everything available. The British already have considerably larger number of troops in the Mediterranean theatre than we have.—Reuter.

DECLARATION OF PEACE WITH GERMANY

Proposal Of Belgian Member Of War Crimes Inquiry

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

The State Department was reported to-day to be studying a proposal for a simple declaration of peace with Germany instead of the signing of a peace treaty.

The proposal was advanced to the United Nations by Gen. Debaer, the Belgian member of the London Commission to investigate war crimes.

The plan also suggested a United Nations' Court to try Hitler and Mussolini and other Axis leaders.—Reuter.

Three Axis Destroyers Sunk

LONDON, Dec. 29.

It is officially announced that three German destroyers have been sunk in the Bay of Biscay. Other German units were damaged in a combined action by British warships and aircraft.

A joint admiralty and Air Ministry Communique issued here to-day stated: "His Majesty's ships in co-operation with aircraft of the Coastal Command have sunk three German destroyers in the Bay of Biscay and damaged some others. Other Coastal Command aircraft attacked and sank one homeward-bound Axis blockade runner. Further details are awaited".

It is officially announced that R.A.F. Mosquitos bombed western Germany last night without loss.—Reuter.

Hitler Ordered 'Scharnhorst' Out

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 29.

Hitler personally ordered Scharnhorst to put to sea, said "*Social Demokraten*" to-day quoting Berne reports. The intention was to destroy the convoy so as to be able to announce a great victory.—Reuter.

Medicos Demand Ending Of Deadlock

(From Our Correspondent.)

AHMEDABAD, Dec. 29.

The All-India Medical Conference this morning passed a resolution expressing its "emphatic opinion that as long as the present political deadlock is not ended, social and economic problems of the country will not be solved satisfactorily".

Another resolution was passed deploring "the continued detention of Dr. Jivraj Mehta, its retiring president, Dr. Gilder and other medical men under the Defence of India Rules.

ATTACK ON NAZI SHIPPING

Merchant Vessel Damaged And Left Afire

LONDON, Dec. 28.

Beaufighters of the Royal Canadian Air Force Squadron of the Coastal Command attacked enemy shipping off the Norwegian coast to-day without loss, states an Air Ministry 'communique'. A merchant vessel was damaged and left afire, and three escort vessels were also damaged.—Reuter.

NORWEGIAN SHIP TORPEDOED

RIO DE JANEIRO, Dec. 28.

A Norwegian ship was torpedoed and sunk off Maranhao coast a few days ago by a German submarine. The Captain, four passengers and 44 sailors escaped in three lifeboats of which one has already reached the coast.

A passengers, Mrs. Helen Brewer Williams, said that the third pilot was taken aboard the submarine as a hostage. Two missing lifeboats have not yet been discovered.

The sunken Norwegian ship was of 16,000 tons.—Reuter.

U. S. RAILWAY STRIKE CALLED OFF

WASHINGTON, Dec. 29.

Representatives of the three remaining Railway brotherhoods today called off the strike scheduled to begin to-morrow (Thursday).

Troops Ready To Take Over In Case Of Emergency

American Troops are to-day standing by at hundreds of key points ready to take over the railways if firemen, conductors and switchmen decide to strike to-day. About 200,000 men are affected by the orders of the defiant unions. But about one million others including engine drivers are expected to stay on the job. The Secretary for War Mr. Henry Stimson in a nationwide broadcast last night said that the Government's seizure of the railways was necessary in order that Germany and Japan should not be handed "Great military victory" which would have resulted from the stoppage of railway operations.—Reuter.

Churchill's Progress

LONDON, Dec. 28.

A statement from Number Ten Downing Street on Tuesday night says: The Prime Minister continues to make very satisfactory progress. It is not expected that any further bulletins will be issued".—Reuter.

PEERAGE FOR CASEY

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Dec. 29.

It is rumoured in diplomatic political circles that Mr. R. G. Casey, the new Governor of Bengal will be awarded peerage in the New Year Honours List.

Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan On Loss Of Burma

PRETORIA, Dec. 29.

The vital necessity of rehabilitating the famine stricken Bengal Province, which bound the Indian people by a thousand ties and was strategically important to the Allies, was stressed by the Indian High Commissioner in the Union of South Africa Sir Shafaat Ahmad Khan, broadcasting to the nation to-night. He said, Burma was the granary for Bengal, and there would have been no famine if Burma had remained in British hands. The situation was aggravated as the jute area was increased at the expense of the rice area, which was legitimate as India depended on the rice import of a million and a quarter tons a year.

Bengal's famine conditions were symptomatic of the stress and sacrifice war had brought to India as a whole.—Reuter.

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Barley is a nutritive foodgrain and is a common ingredient of diet in Northern India.

It has been found from local experiments that mixture of barley flour with wheat flour adds to the taste of 'chapatis" and "puris" and baker's bread. Barley costs only As. 10 a paylee and mixed barley-wheat "chapatis", "puris" and bread are, therefore, cheaper than all wheat products.

The ideal proportions of wheat and barley for making 'chapatis" and "puris" are 50: 50; 66: 34; 75: 25.

The proportions for baker's bread are 66 1/3; 33 1/3; 75: 25.

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Dec. 29

Following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches recorded at eight hours on 25-12-43:

Allahabad 77 54 0; BOMBAY 85 69 0; Calcutta 81 57 0; Cawnpore 78 52 0; Cuttack 83 58 0; Delhi 77 49 0; Dehra Dun 72 43 0; Jacobabad 80 50 0; Karachi 80 64 0; Lucknow 80 54 0; Madras 81 68 0; Nagpur 77 55 0; Patna 77 54 0; Peshawar 68 40 0; Shillong 61 41 0; Simla 51 41 0.—A. P.

A THOUGHT FOR THE DAY

Success is the object and justification of a machine, while goodness only is the end and purpose of man.

—Rabindranath Tagore

The Bombay Chronicle

LIBERAL FEDERATION

In considering the presidential address of Sir Maharaj Singh at the 24th Session of the National Liberal Federation and the address of Sir Cowasjee Jehangir, Chairman of the Reception Committee, we shall confine ourselves to only one topic, namely, the next step towards the solution of the present political deadlock. Sir Cowasjee's suggestion to this end is that Gandhiji, who has been authorised by the Congress "to take the lead and guide the nation in the steps to be taken", should give an assurance to Government on behalf of the Congress that it will not impede war effort. Now, if any such assurance is to be given on behalf of the Congress, it is but fair that Gandhiji should be enabled at least to discuss the subject with the members of the Working Committee. But he is not allowed to do even that. And it is amazing that a Liberal like Sir Cowasjee should have not a word suggesting the removal of this unfair restriction.

The President, however, is more liberal in his suggestions. He suggests that "the first thing is for the Viceroy and the Government of India to allow an approach to be made to Mahatma Gandhi as soon as possible and that if Gandhiji desired to ascertain the opinion of the members of the Working Committee there need be no conditions on their meeting and deliberations. Sir Maharaj Singh expects that in the present circumstances the Congress resolution of August, 1942, would be treated as a dead letter and that to this end Congress leaders should be released unconditionally. "It is unjustifiable", he says, "to detain men and women in jail without trial and without their being supplied even with the reasons for their detention. Further, I do not believe for a moment that the Congress leaders would advocate peace with imperialistic Japan or renounce their anti-Fascist attitude." Many in the country have remarked that the unconditional release of Congress leaders is a condition precedent to a settlement of any kind. Even the Hindu Mahasabha, which has never been enamoured of the Congress, has adopted a resolution demanding that "political prisoners and detenus should be released forthwith."

Assuming that Congress leaders are released, Sir Maharaj Singh suggests that "the next step would be a conference between them and the leaders of the Muslim League and representatives of other important minorities and interests with the immediate object of forming composite National Governments at the Centre and in the Provinces." Sir Maharaj Singh suggests further that if the conference did not succeed arbitration may be tried and if even that failed "India and the world outside would at least know where the blame lay." We wholeheartedly support the idea of a conference, but it should be borne in mind that what has so far prevented the formation of a National Government at the Centre is the non-transference of any real power to the people, without which the Government cannot be justly called National. It is on this ground that the Cripps negotiations broke down and it is not fair to suggest, as Government and their Anglo-Indian apologists always do, that the difficulty has been only due to disagreement among parties. There may be differences between parties regarding the minimum transfer of power and the relations between the Legislature and the Executive but there is no reason to believe that a compromise cannot be effected. What is essential to a complete settlement with regard to immediate constitutional changes is that the Central Government should have real power and should enjoy the confidence of the Legislature. The Liberal Federation will, therefore, do a great service if it demands not merely the release of Congress leaders and the resumption of negotiations with them but also the transfer of substantial power to the Central Cabinet.

Russia's New Anthem

The decision of the Soviet Government to give the go-bye to "The International" and substitute for it a new national anthem will cause little surprise to those who have been following the trend of events in Russia since the outbreak of the war against the Nazis. The dissolution of the Comintern knocked the bottom out of all justification for the retention of this song as the specific anthem of the Soviet Republic. The war has turned the face of the people of Russia definitely towards nationalism. Stalin and his colleagues are too realistically minded to fail to note that, however glowing and noble a dream internationalism may be in the abstract, the Russian peoples' salvation in the present war has been their love of their own country. "The International's" fault, in their eyes, must be that it is too international and too little national to serve the purposes of Russia at present and for some considerable time to come. Further, there are in it stanzas which may run counter to the reoriented policies of the present Soviet Government. For example, in the full text of the song, as translated into English, the second stanza begins with the lines:

We ask no aid from gods or Caesars,
From haloed savior or from king;
'Tis we, 'tis we, the world's producers,
Who to our ownselves help must bring.

In the existing Soviet Anthem as recited officially these and such other provocative stanzas of the song are probably not included. But, as in the case of our own "Bande Mataram" song, the existence of words and lines of a controversial or objectionable character in an anthem which professes to be the embodiment of the nation's patriotic fervour, is bound to detract from its merits. As pointed out by Mr. Bernard Shaw, in his interview with our London correspondent, the British National Anthem too suffers from such a defect, the second stanza wherein God is implored to scatter the King's enemies and to "confound their politics" and "frustrate their knavish tricks" being considered by many to be too undignified to be included in a country's anthem. The International was originally written in French by a Frenchman named Eugene Pottier in 1871 and was adopted by the Second (or French) International as its official Anthem. Soviet Russia enthusiastically adopted it soon after its birth and it has remained as its official anthem till now. Little need be said about the new anthem which is proposed to be adopted by the Soviet in its place, since its textual details which have been so far disclosed appear to embody the new aspirations of the Russian people and their leaders rising from the crucible of the war.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

A Riddle

The report of the American withdrawal in the Arawe area of New Britain, where a landing had been made a fortnight ago, is somewhat surprising in view of the fact that the comment of American observers had led one to believe that the troops that had been landed had such sufficient naval and aerial support at their back that no Japanese attempts to dislodge them from the peninsula would succeed. The present withdrawal of advanced patrols in this area is stated to have been necessitated by the three successive counter-attacks launched by the Japanese, no doubt, with superior aerial backing. It is reassuring, however, to learn simultaneously that the Americans have made further landings in Western New Britain and consolidated their positions east and west of Cape Gloucester, besides occupying Long Island at the north-western entrance to the Vitiaz Straits. These new successes have been made at the cost of some naval losses, which are no doubt regrettable and which again show that the Japanese still posseses air, if not also naval, superiority in that region. Why this should be so still, in spite of America's "peak" production of air and naval craft, is difficult to make out. It is for Americans themselves to solve the riddle.

Reprehensible

It appears from the latest reports about incidents at the Mahasabha presidential procession that there was an unprovoked indiscriminate lathi charge by the police on the procession and that it caused injuries to a large number of innocent persons. At a public meeting held shortly after, Dr. Mukerjee, the President, characterised the attack as a "cowardly and deliberate" and the official communique as "a tissue of falsehoods". The communique had stated that there was no lathi charge, but Sir Manohar Lal, Finance Minister, stated at another public meeting that he had himself visited several injured persons and that "his mind was full of grief at these sights and his heart went out in sympathy for them" That is not enough. He did not speak in any representative capacity. The Government must issue an explanation and make due amends. Else they will lose a great deal more than [illegible] the Mahasabha.

Indian-Built Ship Launched For Indian Navy

Prince Ravi Varma Names Craft 'Cochin' Which Is Gift From Contributions Of State

"I name this ship "Cochin." May God bless her and those who sail in her", with these significant and affectionate words, the H. M. I. S. "Cochin", was launched at an Indian port on Wednesday by Prince Ravi Varma, the fourth Prince of Cochin, who presented the ship to the Royal Indian Navy on behalf of the Maharaja and people of Cochin State. The launching ceremony, which took place in the midst of a large and distinguished gathering which included among others Commodore Rattray, Sir Chunilal B. Mehta, Sir Rahimtullah Chinoy, Mr. Walchand Hirachand and leading Naval and Army Officers was held in typical Indian style. For the traditional western custom of breaking a champagne bottle to christen the vessel was substituted the cocoanut-cracking ceremony.

The Prince before naming the ship painted on her port bow the Hindu Swastika with vermillion, saffron and other Hindu customary ingredients. Rice was sprinkled on the Swastika and after the cracking of the cocoanut, which was handed over to the Prince by two Indian ladies in a silver tray, the ship slid down her movings amidst vociferous cheering by the workers who were engaged on her construction. The ship was gaily decorated with buntings and foliage. Among those who saw her take to water were several European and Indian guests.

Commodore Rattray thanked both her donors and her constructors in a brief but feeling speech.

Mr. Walchand Hirachand replied.

Prince Varma of Cochin then made a suitable speech regretting the inability of the Maharaja of Cochin to attend the function due to advanced age.

RATTRAY'S THANKS

Commodore Rattray thanked His Highness the Fourth Prince of Cochin for launching the fine vessel, which was given to the Royal Indian Navy by the generosity of His Highness the Maharajah and the public of Cochin. The Royal Indian Navy was deeply grateful for this magnificent gift.

"I think I am right in saying," he added, "that this is the first occasion that an All-India firm has turned out a ship for the Royal Indian Navy, and you can all see for yourselves that through the skill of Indian workmen she has been well and truly built. Other ships of the type which you have seen launched to-day, all of them built in India, are doing service on the seas round the coasts of India, and the records which will be published after the war will show that these ships have done much good work. I am pleased to see here to-day Indian seamen ratings from the State of Cochin, which proves that the State is providing men as well as material to defeat the enemy."

WALCHAND CRITICISES GOVT.

Mr. Walchand Hirachand said that the participation of the State of Cochin and of the ship-building company in this common war effort was not only significant of the geographical unity of India, but it also brought home to us all the oneness and indivisibility of the people of this country in all matters which vitally affected their life and interest in all directions Satisfactory as it was that an Indian ship-building yard under the ownership, control and management of Indians themselves had been able to construct the vessel that had just been launched, the company had been looking forward to the day when it could build and launch large ocean-going steamers. They had spared no effort to hasten the day when a large ocean-going steamer could take the water from an Indian ship-building yard and thus begin to revive the glories of the Indian shipbuilding industry which, in the words of Admiral Sir Herbert Fitzherbert, was world famous. Why was it that in spite of the urgent and immediate need of ocean-going ships all round, and of the ship-building yards to construct them, India had not been able to build a single steamer which could participate in the carriage of its maritime trade? It could not be argued that a country could not start or develop its ship-building industry during the course of the war.

Mr. Walchand Hirachand instanced developments in America, Canada and Australia, and added that the answer was to be found in the policy of the present Government of India.

NOTE OF HOPE

He continued: "Let me, however, end on a note of hope that, realising the valuable truth of the old adage, 'where there is a will there is a way', and recognising their responsibility to the people of this country, the Government of India will be pleased to identify themselves with the vital requirements of this country, and actively help it for providing all such facilities as are necessary to enable it to build ocean-going steamers at the earliest moment in ship-building yards owned, controlled and managed by its own nationals."—A. P.

"TIME FOR ACTION HAS COME"

Jinnah On Significance Of Appointment Of League Committee Of Action

KARACHI, Dec. 29.

The All-India Muslim League session at Karachi was a turning point in the history of Muslim India, said Mr. M. A. Jinnah, in an address to the Muslims of Karachi. Mr. Jinnah who was speaking at an 'At Home' given by the city Muslim League added that the day of merely passing resolutions and holding conferences was over and the Muslim League should now approach the masses and endeavour to raise their standard of living. In that respect the resolution of the League Session in appointing a Committee of Action was a turning point. Mr. Jinnah was glad that the younger generation of Muslims were active and were taking a decisive part in the League organisation.

The President of the city Muslim League, Mr. G. Allana, assured Mr. Jinnah of the unflinching loyalty of the Muslims of Karachi to the League and when the call came, Karachi Muslims would not lag behind in the achievement of an Independent Parkistan.—A. P.

India, China And U.S.A.

With reference to the case being made out in the Indian Press for according to Indian Immigrants into the U.S.A. the same distinction from other Asiatics as is said now to be promised to the Chinese whose emigration from their country happens at the present moment, to be controlled by Japan, may one recall (i) the Gentlemen's Agreement brought about by Britain between the States and Japan creating, for the first time, a distinction between Japanese and other Asiatic immigrants into the States so that peace be maintained between the States on the one side and Japan and her ally of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance of 1902 on the other (ii) the deaths in 1922, of both the Alliance and the Agreement aforesaid which re-levelled or restored equality among all Asiatic Immigrants into the States, including the Japs, (iii) that sublime "scrap of paper" known as the Nine Power Treaty of Washington to which were signatories, among others, Britain, the U.S.A., Japan and China (Chiang Kai-shek's Government of Southern China)—for "Guaranteeing the integrity and the sovereignty of China", (iv) the celebration by Japan of the Nine Power Treaty by annexing Manchukuo, her co-signatories to the Treaty remaining "neutral" and their wits successfully finding means to avoid facing any fresh attacks of the deadly Chinese boycott of their goods, (v) the declaration of neutrality by the States in 1937 in the Sino-Japanese conflict of 1937 still being waged and (vi) the declaration by Japan on 8-12-41 that from that time she was at war with both the Anglo-Saxon Powers?

While angels fear to accuse modern statesmen of, as a rule, meaning what they say or saying what they mean, might not simple Indians think quite a few times before jumping to any conclusions that events might prove as constituting any unmerited affronts to great diplomatic wits?

HOOSAIN S. MERCHANT.

Tamil Nad Journalists' Federation

MADRAS, Dec. 29.

The next annual session of the Tamil Nad Journalists' Federation will be held at Madras at the Gemini Studios' Movieland on January 9 and 10, 1944, under the presidency of Mr. K. P. Viswanatha Aiyar, assistant editor, *The Hindu*—A. P.

JAIL DELIVERY IN PUNJAB?

LAHORE, Dec. 29: A good number of Congress and security prisoners are going to be released by the Punjab Government by middle of January according to statement made by a Secretary of the Punjab Government in a Press Conference to-day.

He informed the journalists that the Punjab Government would not purchase rice till the Food Conference which is to be held in Delhi in the middle of January. He added that the Government would deal severely with the profiteers and hoarders.—United Press.

Politicals Released Before Their Terms

SURAT, Dec. 29.

A message from Broach reaching here says that Mr. Vinod Chandra Chunilal, a pleader of Jambusar, has been released unconditionally before the expiry of his term of imprisonment.

At the time of his release he was on one month's parole.

Three more political prisoners, Harihar Keshanand Vajir of Mandvi, Manibhai Ukabhai of Bardoli and Ranchod Chunilal of Surat have been released before the expiry of their terms of imprisonment.

Chotubhai Marfatiya who was on parole has been released unconditionally.—A. P.

SIX ACQUITTED

BELGAUM, Dec. 29.

Gajanan Yalgi and five others, who were alleged to have attacked a liquor shop at Vaitagwadi near Belgaum and taken away cash, were discharged by the City Magistrate of Belgaum sub-Division. This was the third attack made on that shop. Narsing Parbat, who was charged of having participated in the first attack on that shop was acquitted yesterday by the same Magistrate.—A. P.

Tribute To First President Of Congress

CALCUTTA, Dec 29.

The services of the late Mr. W C. Bonnerjee, the first President of the Indian National Congress to the cause of his country were recalled at a public meeting held here to-day in connection with the centenary of his birth. Dr. Kalidas Nag presided.—A P.

"JINNAH TAKES NEW ROAD TO OLD GOAL"

"Manchester Guardian" On League President's Offer Of Co-operation To Britain

MANCHESTER, Dec. 28

The 'Manchester Guardian' in an editorial article on the speech of Mr. Jinnah, President of the All-India Moslem League, at the League's Karachi meeting says, "The President of the All-India Moslem League vividly presents the weakness of our position in India.

At Delhi last April he appealed to the Congress to accept his terms—partition, Pakistan—though he did not expect it would.

The two great parties, he said, should agree (on condition that the Moslems get their Pakistan) and so get rid of the British

Now at Karachi again, addressing the League, he seems to haev reached the same end by a different road: That the British should recognize that the Moslems and the Congress cannot agree, should divide India between them, and should 'quit', leaving each section to its own devices.

But perhaps for us the most educational sentence was this: The British Government has to get the wholehearted support of some party in this country, if not of all; but every party is kept at arms length and dissatisfied."

To 'win the war' in and for India means more than merely military victory. It ought to mean also winning the peace, which is what under the present circumstances is in danger [illegible]

British Press Blacks Out

News Of Indian Reaction To Casey's Appointment

(From A Correspondent.)

LONDON, Dec. 29.

The British Press, excepting the "Manchester Guardian" and the "Scotsman", did not publish the Indian reports disapproving the appointment of Mr. Richard Gardiner Casey as the Governor of Bengal.

Excepting the "Manchester Guardian", "Daily Herald", "Observer" and the "Times", the British Press generally blacked-out the presidential addresses of Mr Jinnah and Dr. Syama Prasad Mookerji at the League and Mahasabha annual sessions respectively.

Under the headline "Hindu-Muslim differences—basic cleavage" the "Times" publishes the opinionate review by its New Delhi correspondent.

Quoting Mr. Jinnah's Pakistan demand and Dr. Mookerji's counter-resolution the "Times" says. "There in a nutshell is the apparently irresoluble problem for which politicians from all camps never grew tired of blaming the British Government."

Apropos the Mahasabha claim of representing elements of authentic Indian opinion, the New Delhi correspondent of the London "Times" says: "Such a claim would be received with scorn by the Muslim League which is at present the most militant political body."

Ranji Trophy

SIND v. W. I. S. C. A.

RAJKOT, Dec 29.

On the second day of Ranji Trophy West Zone semi-final match Sind were all out in their first innings for 172, The W. I. S. C. A. made 83 for five wickets at close of play

SCORES: W. I. S. C. A. (1st Innings) 274.

SIND (First Innings): Narottam c Pratapral b Saeed Ahmed 18, Pursram b Saeed Ahmed 37, Jamnadas b Akbar 5, Qamerdin l-b-w Saeed Ahmed 4, Asha b Shantilal 8, Naoomal b Shantilal 44, Dawood Khan b Saeed Ahmed 2, Deepchand l-b-w Saeed Ahmed 1, Girdhari c Purshottam b Saeed Ahmed 13, Samtani l-b-w Akbar 13, Lakda not out 10, extras 17, total 172.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Saeed Ahmed 25/5/45/6, Akber Khan 17.5/4/45/2, Shantilal 15/3/36/2, Purshottam 11/1/28 nil, Jayantilal 5/1/10/nil.

FALL OF WICKETS: 1/5, 2/12, 3/33, 4/71, 5/88, 6/92, 7/98, 8/148, 9/152, 10/172.

W. I. S. C. A (Second Innings): Pratap c Daud Khan b Samtani 16, Jayantilal c Qamardi, b Samtani 6, Abdulkadir c Jamnadas b Samtani 2, Prithviraj b Lakda 24, Purshottam batting 15, Umer c Qamardin b Lakda 0, Shantilal batting 5, extras 15, total (for five) 83.

BOWLING ANALYSIS: Samtani 10/6/16/3, Pursram 2/0/14/0, Qamardin 7/1/14/0, Lakda 8/3/12/2, Girdhari 8/2/16/0.

SURAT QUADRANGULAR FINAL

SURAT, Dec. 29.

In the finals of the Surat Quadrangular tournament between the Hindus and the Muslims, the latter were all out in their first innings this evening for 313 runs, Inayat Hussain scored exactly 100, Baporia 43 and Nissar 30 runs. Nihalchand a new bowler captured four wickets for 83 runs.

The Hindus had just, their innings when stumps were drawn for the day, without any runs scored.—A. P.

New Year Celebrations Banned

ZURICH, Dec. 29.

The Bulgarian Authorities are reported to have banned all New Year public celebrations because of the public reaction to Allied Air raids.—Reuter.

24 Destitutes Die In Calcutta

CALCUTTA, Dec. 29.

Twenty-four sick destitutes died on Tuesday in various hospitals in the city and suburbs and there were 24 new admissions. During the day 24 destitutes were discharged from the hospitals.—A. P.

TETE-A-TETE

WITHOUT COMMENT

"No well-wisher of India can read the speeches made at the sessions of the All-India Muslim League and the Hindu Mahasabha with anything but dismay."

—"Times Of India."

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Our Bori Bunder contemporary solemnly declares:—

"If the present leaders are incapable of positive action the least they can do in the country's interest is to step aside and make room for more selfless leadership."

Does this, by any chance, also apply to the present leaders of the administration?

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"The National Liberal Federation of India" met in Bombay yesterday.

We would like to know what this "Federation" federates!

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Neither Sir Tej Bahadur Sapru nor Mr. M. R. Jayakar are attending this session of the Liberal Federation. We learn that they are not even members.

Sir Cowasji Jehangir, Pandit Kunzru and Kunwar Maharaj Singh, however, are there and, therefore, sixty per cent membership of the Federation is still intact.

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Delivering his address as the Chairman of the Reception Committee, Sir Cowasji Jehangir said:—

"Let us hope and pray that the New Year will bring the Allied nations a glorious and complete victory and that India *may be permitted to share* in the fruits of a lasting peace which will enable her to build up a great political, social and economic future for her people." (Italics ours).

Sir Cowasji Jehangir wouldn't be a Liberal—and a knight—if he did not pray for his country to be "permitted" to share in the fruits of a lasting peace.

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Here is another part of Sir Cowasji's Liberal credo:—

"It is far better to speak out and face unpopularity than to bandage our eyes, plug our ears and drug our conscience."

And easier still to bandage one's eyes, plug one's ears and drug one's conscience *and* face unpopularity!

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TO-DAY'S PRIZE HOWLERS

(Perpetrated By The Junior Colleague)

(1) the new Entertainment Tax will also apply to Corporation debates.

(2) It will also apply to the conferences generally held in the last week of December—if they prove sufficiently entertaining.

(3) The films and stage shows that fail to entertain will be exempted from the Entertainment Tax.

(4) On the same principle the meetings held under the auspices of the "National War Front" automatically will be exempted from the Entertainment Tax.

ALL-INDIA RICE FORECAST

NEW DELHI, Dec. 29.

India may produce this year a million tons more rice than her normal requirements. According to the first all India rice forecast, India's total rice crop will be a record one exceeding 28-1/2 million tons as against her pre-war consumption figure of 27-1/2 million tons, made up of 26 million tons produced in the country and one and a half million tons imported from Burma.

Every province will share in this increase. Bengal will lead with 16 per cent increase in acreage and 45 per cent in production. Assam comes next with 3 per cent in acreage and 10 per cent in production, as against the All-India figures of 6 per cent and 16 per cent respectively. Bengal should have a rice crop of 9 point 7 million tons and the final forecast may even show a crop of over 10 million tons.—A. P.

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Government House News

BOMBAY, Dec 29.

The Governor of Bombay and Lady Colville gave a dance at Government House for the Officers of the Garrison.

"Roshan" On New Year Day

The New Year entertainments in the city include the re-staging of the popular Gujerati drama, "Roshan", written by Mr. Dara Kapadia, at the Baliwala's Grand Theatre at Tardeo at 3-15 p.m. The cast of artistes includes Moonibai, (who will shine as the heroine in the tragic role), Chandrika, Kabooli, F. Daruwala, K. Sahiar Prem Lata, J Mapla, Sagoona, the 7-year old boy prodigy Minu, etc.

JAMMU: The Kashmir Government have constituted a Committee to explore possibilities of expanding agriculture and irrigation. The Committee will submit its report by the first week of February.

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If a dealer refuses a cash memo.....

Not to give a cash memo for purchases of articles (except foodgrains and other articles separately controlled) amounting to Rs. 10 or more is an offence under section 10 of the Hoarding and Profiteering Prevention Ordinance, 1943. For purchases amounting to less than Rs. 10 you can demand and the dealer cannot refuse a cash-memo.

Report such offences to the Controller of Prices, Secretariat, Bombay.

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Remember: the Ordinance can be made a success only if EVERY CONSUMER ACTS AS AN INSPECTOR.

CITY AND SUBURBS

TO-DAY

Hindu: Posh Shud 4, 2000
Muslim: Muharrum 2, 1363
Parsi: Tir 27, 1313
Sunrise: 8-13 a.m. Sunset: 7-9 p.m.
Hightide: 2-09, 14-07. Lowtide: 8-20, 20-04

To-day's Engagements

B. B. & C. I. RLY. EMPLOYEES UNION: The 24th annual general meeting to-day (Thursday) at 7 p.m. in the Kitte Bhandari Hall, Gokhale Road North, off Ranade Extension Road, Dadar.

PATHARE PRABHU SOCIAL SAMAJ: A Special condolence meeting to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. (S. T.) in the N. D. Prabhu Seminary Hall to mourn the sad death of Mr. Ramrao Balkrishna V. N. Kirtikar.

YOUTHS' PARLIAMENT: A public debate on "In the Interests of India, Bachelors should be Taxed" will be the subject of a public debate in the Youth Lodge, Blavatsky Lodge, to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m. Prof. (Mrs.) Kamala Trilokekar will preside.

"HUMAYOUN" AT BALLIWALLA THEATRE

The Khatau Alfred Theatrical Company will stage the well-known historical play "Humayoun" to-night at 9-30 p.m. (N. S. T.) at Balliwalla Theatre in honour of Delhi Tibbia College cricket and hockey teams.

BOMBAY SPIRITUAL CENTRE: There will be a public lecture by Dr. T. M. P. Mahadevan, M.A., Ph.D. (Head of the Department of Philosophy, University of Madras and Secretary, Indian Philosophical Congress) on "The Religion We Need", in English to-day (Thursday) at 6-30 p.m at the premises of the Centre.

Hospitality To Airmen

Air Commodore F. J Vincent, C.B.E., D.F.C. has asked me to forward you the following letter for publication:—

"May I, through the medium of your paper, extend my sincere thanks to the residents of Bombay for the welcome they have given in their homes to airmen of the Royal Air Force during the past year.

The response to H E the Governor's appeal to entertain troops during the X'mas season has been magnificent. Reports have reached me from all over the Bombay area of the hospitality extended, which has done so much to create for our men the atmosphere of the homes from which they are so far apart at this all important festive season.

"OUT OF THE BLUE" PROCEEDS: It is officially announced that the proceeds so far handed over as a result of the R. A. F. Revue '(Out of the Blue" amount to Rs 32,000 Cheques have been forwarded by the Air Officer Commanding, Bombay for Rs. 16,000 each, to the Royal Air Force and Indian Air Force Benevolent Funds. The amount resulting from one performance to be donated to the Bengal Relief Fund totals Rs 1,560.

BENARES Dec 29.—Maharajkumar Sir Vijaya of Vizianagram M.L.A., has been re-elected for the third time in succession as President of the United Provinces Kshattriya Mahasabha to preside over the thirteenth annual session which is to be held at Saharanpur on March 6, 1944.—A. P

The Half-Column By "Dim"

Two colourful personalities came into my office yesterday. The words "my office" are slightly pretentious, I discovered. As they say in the footnote of pictures, "On the table is Humayun Kabir; on the chair SHANKAR of the "Hindustan Times"." A floating crowd went in and out, three standing at a time. SHANKAR is on leave. He wants to take "complete rest", he told me, but Delhi must be haunting him I am sure. Every time Shankar looks at me, I get scared he may be noting my physiognomy! Kabir has just finished delivering two lectures at Baroda and thought he would look in at the Gateway of India. There was, therefore, a breath of fresh air at the "Chronicle" office for to the younger members of the Staff (which includes me) their presence was like a breath of fresh air.

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The story is told about Kabir that when he returned from Oxford, he applied to the Aligarh University for a professorship. He was interviewed by a Board and was rejected "because he wore a khaddar dhoti." The loss of Aligarh's it would now appear.

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SHANKAR, likewise, never became a professor—though for different reasons, we presume. The story is told in Delhi that when the National War Front was launched, he was approached and asked if he would give a DANCE recital to celebrate its inauguration. Shankar wrote back to say: "I will, provided Uday does my cartoons." But like all Delhi stories, this is very unauthentic.

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CITY MARKETS

BOMBAY, Wednesday.

BULLION: Yesterday London gold was unchanged at £8 8-0 Dollar sterling cross rate was 4.02-1/2 to 4.03-1/2 at London and 4.03 at New York. London spot and forward silver quotations were unchanged at 23-1/2d and New York spot silver was placed at 44-3/4 cent. Very interesting situation has developed in the local market where choksey who hold stocks are manipulating the market against Bears and yesterday those who were short were forced to cover their unprotected sales after suffering heavy losses as payments for carry-over of their sales. This covering has weakened the technical situation of the market and heavy discount for carry-over will discourage short sales. Thus the market will be able to bring quotations more in line with spot ones. To-day delivery and spot quotations narrowed. Ready gold was puoted at Rs. 71/2 while delivery business was done at Rs. 70/2; Ready Silver of .999 fineness was quoted at Rs. 116 while delivery quotation of .96 fineness was Rs. 113/4. The market was steady.

The market after minor price movements closed as under:—Ready Gold Rs. 71, delivery Rs 69/12, Sovereigns Rs. 49/2. Ready silver Rs. 116 delivery Rs. 113.

COTTON: The local market was quietly steady today with a moderate business passing. The much talked squeeze in January does not seem to materialise and operators are taking more interest in distant positions. The market opened today at Rs. 468/8 for January delivery and declined to Rs. 467 but later improved to Rs. 469 on moderate covering.

There was persistent short covering in January position which improved to Rs 476-8 while March and May were left behind. The market displayed cheerful tone. Indian cotton crop estimate of 4,682,000 showing an increase of 6 per cent. was issued. Area under cultivation is reported 17,839,000 acres or a decrease of 2 per cent. The steady rise in prices attracted further heavy covering and January rose to Rs. 480. There was heavy short covering to-day and the market closed at 6 p.m. as under:—

I C C January Rs. 479-4. I C C March Rs. 473-4. I C C May Rs 476.

COTTON PARITY: Indian Cotton contract January is below New York January 143 cent points at Exchange rate 331.

HIGH AND LOW COTTON PRICES

BOMBAY Dec 28.

		High	Low	Close
I. C. C.	Jan	472	468/8	468/8
,,	Mar	469/12	466/8	467/8
,,	May	472/8	470	470/8

NEW YORK COTTON

To-day's Price

NEW YORK Dec 28.

January 19.49—04; March 19.53—04; May 19.28—05; July 19.04—05; October 18.82—06; December 18.72—06; March highest 19.59—02 (1 p.m.) lowest 19-50—07 (10-9 a.m.) Middling spot 20.36—06.

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

January 19.57—04; March 19.69—04; May 19.45—04; July 19.21—05; Middling spot 19.54—04.

NEW YORK COTTON

Noon Call

March 19.51. May 19.26; July 19.03.

RESERVE BANK OF INDIA

An Account pursuant to the Reserve Bank of India Act, 1934 for the week ended the 24th day of December 1943.

ISSUE DEPARTMENT

LIABILITIES

Notes held in the Banking Department Rs. 10,61,45,000. Notes in circulation Rs. 828,57,63,000. Total Notes issued Rs. 839,19,08,000.

ASSETS

A. Gold Coin and Bullion:—(a) Held in India Rs. 44,41,43,000, Sterling Securities Rs. 722,83,96,000, Total of A Rs. 767,25,39,000, B. Rupee Coin Rs 13,61,-08,000, Government of India Rupee Securities Rs 58,32,61,000. Total Assets Rs. 839,19,08,000.

Ratio of Total of A to Liabilities: 91.428 per cent.

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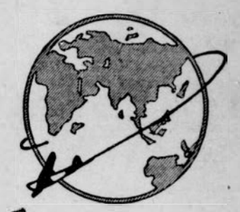

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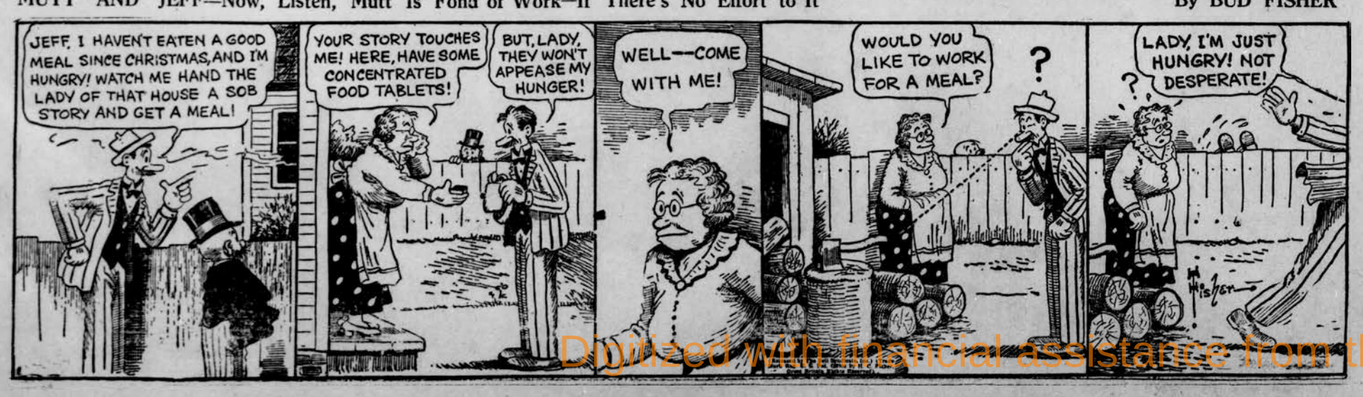
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PUBLIC NOTICES

NOTICE

IMPORT TRADE CONTROL.
IMPORTS FROM THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.

In the case of applications for licences for imports from the United States of America the goods must be described in sufficient detail to enable them to be classified in accordance with approved procurement programmes. The description according to the Import Trade Control Schedule may frequently not be enough for this purpose. Applicants are therefore advised to describe as fully as possible the exact nature of the goods required, failing which their application is liable to be returned for further particulars.

Licences for goods which have been programmed will contain at the top an entry showing the "IND. Number" .....
This entry gives the reference to the procurement programme, and it may be of advantage to the importers in obtaining supplies from the United States of America if they communicate also this reference Number to their suppliers when informing them that an import licence has been obtained. Reference numbers in respect of other Classes of goods will be communicated to licence holders as and when the programmes for such goods are approved.

P. CHAUDHURI,
Dy. Chief Controller of Imports.

NOTICE.

PILOTS FOR INDIAN AIR FORCE

FLYING OFFICER LODHIE will interview candidates for Pilots in the Indian Air Force from 23rd December to 2nd January at Technical Recruiting Office, Dhobi Talao, Bombay between 10 A. M. and 5 P. M. every day.

Young men between 17½ and 26 years of age who are Matriculates or hold an equivalent qualification should call on him for interview. (7286)

PUBLIC NOTICES

G. I. P. AND B. B. & C. I. RAILWAYS
IMPORTANT NOTICE
PRIORITY OF GOODS TRAFFIC

It is hereby notified for the information of the Public that the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities, Bombay, has decided that movements of goods traffic on these Railways should be arranged in the order of priority as detailed below as from 1st January, 1944. This list applies to local and through booking and is subject to booking restrictions and bans on movements imposed from time to time, by Local Governments, Regional Controllers of Railway Priorities and other competent authorities.

CLASS I. URGENT MILITARY OPERATIONAL DEMANDS AND OTHER MOVEMENTS OF CORRESPONDING URGENCY.

Orders for movement under this class will be issued by the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities, Bombay, or the Chief Transportation Superintendent, G.I.P. Railway, or the Chief Traffic Manager, B. B. & C. I. Railway.

CLASS II. MAINTENANCE OR DEVELOPMENT OF TRANSPORTATION AND COMMUNICATION SERVICES AND OTHER MOVEMENTS OF CORRESPONDING URGENCY.

(a) Movements necessary to meet interchange obligations.
(b) All movements of coal from coal-fields under orders of Coal Allotment Officer, Nagpur.
(c) All movements of Railway Materials and stores necessary for the construction and maintenance of engines, rolling stock, bridges, permanent way and operating equipment.
(d) Movements of stores to Collieries.
(e) Movements of telegraph stores when consigned departmentally.
(f) Movements of aircraft parts and components.

CLASS III. MOVEMENTS OF FOODSTUFFS AND OTHER MOVEMENTS OF CORRESPONDING URGENCY.

(a) Movements of "Essential Foodstuffs" as described below, when consigned by or on behalf of Governments, viz., Food Department, New Delhi; Provincial Governments and Regional Food Commissioners and when consigned on the authority of the Controller of Railway Priorities or the Regional Controllers of Railway Priorities.

Wheat, Rice, Jowar, Bajree and other foodgrains, Tur, Gram and other pulses, Flour, Seeds of all foodgrains and pulses for sowing purposes, Sugar, Jagree and Gur, Salt, Fresh vegetables, Onions and Potatoes, Tea, Coffee, Red chillies, Tamarind, Turmeric, Ghee including vegetable ghee and solidified vegetable oil, Livestock, Fresh fruits, Butter and Eggs. All other foodstuffs and Canteen Stores offered under Military Credit Note.

NOTE. Dry fish when consigned to stations on the G.I.P., B.B. & C.I. and G.B.S. Railways, can be booked under this item.

(b) Movements of fresh sugar-cane when consigned to Bombay only.
(c) (i) Movements of charcoal, grass and firewood to Bombay from stations Bilimora and south only, on the B. B. & C. I. Railway.
(ii) Movements of charcoal, grass and firewood to Asarva and of charcoal and grass to Kankaria from stations on the main line between Bilimora (inc) and Vasad (inc), including the Narrow Gauge branches joining the Bilimora-Vasad direct line on the B. B. & C. I. Railway.
(iii) Movements of charcoal when consigned to Bombay and Poona only, on the G.I.P. Railway.

CLASS IV. URGENT MILITARY PROJECTS FOR THE THREE SERVICES AND OTHER MOVEMENTS OF CORRESPONDING URGENCY.

Movements in connection with Defence Services projects whose completion by a fixed date is absolutely vital. For all such movements, definite priority orders will be issued by the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities, Bombay.

Movements of personal effects of Government officers on transfer.

Movements of filled and empty hydrogen cylinders booked from and to the Hydrogen Factory at Agra.

Movements of cement when consigned by Cement Factories.

All movements of Military Stores, consigned from Military Sidings and Depots to Docks or vice versa.

CLASS V. MAINTENANCE OF INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION AND OTHER MOVEMENTS OF CORRESPONDING URGENCY.

Movements of piecegoods, yarn twist, hosiery, blankets and cloth.

Movements of matches when consigned by factories only.

Movements of raw materials to cement factories, steelworks, paper mills, sugar factories, textile mills, match factories when consigned to such concerns only.

Movements of rubber scrap and empty earthenware acid jars when consigned from and to specified areas as ordered by the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities, Bombay.

Movements of aviation spirit, petrol, kerosene oil, fuel oil and lubricants (oil and grease).

Movements of empty containers for the same when consigned to Oil Companies or their Agents.

Movements of Railway Materials and Stores other than those listed in Class II (c).

CLASS VI. NEW PROJECTS ESSENTIAL FOR WAR SUPPLY PURPOSES AND OTHER MOVEMENTS OF CORRESPONDING URGENCY.

Movements in connection with Defence Services projects whose completion by a fixed date is highly desirable. For all such movements, definite priority orders will be issued by the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities, Bombay.

General movements of "Essential Foodstuffs" consigned by persons other than those mentioned under Class III.

Movements of filled and empty gas cylinders, mineral acids, e.g., sulphuric and hydrochloric, and their containers.

CLASS VII. URGENT MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND OTHER MOVEMENTS OF CORRESPONDING URGENCY.

Movements of medicines and Hospital equipment to Hospitals only.

Movements of commodities to Ports for export on account of Ministry of Food, Ministry of Supply and Defence Services. For all such movements, definite priority orders will be issued by the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities, Bombay.

All movements of Military Stores, consigned from Military Sidings and Depots to which a higher priority has not been allotted under Class IV.

Movements of Military traffic when consigned from one Military Officer to another, in his official capacity.

Movements of empty containers to Government distilleries, licensed distilleries or Excise Warehouses.

CLASS VIII. NON-URGENT MILITARY MOVEMENTS AND OTHER PROJECTS.

Movements of traffic tendered under Military Credit Notes. } When not falling under any higher class.
Movements of perishable traffic. }

CLASS IX. NORMAL CIVIL TRAFFIC AND REQUIREMENTS.

Movements of:—
Charcoal and firewood;
Fodder and manures;
Oilseeds, sweet oil, vegetable oil and all other edible oils;
Oilman stores;
Timber, ballies, rafters and building materials;
Other description of traffic.

No relative priority among these commodities will be given.

2. When it is desired to move a consignment by rail, the consignment should, in all cases, be offered to the Railway at the despatching station for transport in the normal way. If, due to any booking restrictions or due to the low position of the commodity in the Priority List, the Railway is unable to move the consignment within a reasonable time, then only should an application be made for priority assistance.

.3 Applications should normally be made not by the consignor or the producer, but by the consignee or the user of the goods.

(a) In cases where the application for priority is based on the fact that the applicant is engaged upon work for a Government Department, the application should be submitted through the representative of that Department on the Priority Panel of the area in which the destination station of the movement lies. (Details of Priority Panels may be obtained from the Regional Controllers of Railway Priorities).

(b) When the Government Department has no representative on a Priority Panel, the application should be submitted to the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities of the destination area through the Department concerned.

(c) If the application for priority is not based on the fact that the applicant is engaged upon work for Government, Department the application should be submitted through the Provincial Transport Board under whose jurisdiction the destination station lies.

(d) Applications for priority assistance for movements of cotton, cotton cloth and consumable stores, chemicals and dyes to Textile Mills should be made to the Textile Commissioner, Sudama House, Wittet Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay. The Textile Commissioner will if he considers necessary, make his recommendations to the Regional Controller of Railway Priorities, Bombay.

(e) Applications for priority assistance for movements of timber ballies, rafters, bamboos and firewood from stations in the C. P. and Berar, should be made to the Chief Conservator of Forests, C. P. and Berar, Nagpur.

(f) Applications for priority assistance for the movements of groundnuts to Bombay should be made to the Groundnut Movements Advisory Panel, C/o. The Hindusthan Vanaspati Manufacturing Co., Scindia House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay.

4. Applications for priority assistance should, in all cases, be made on Form A, a sample of which may be obtained from members of the Advisory Panels or the Regional Controllers of Railway Priorities. The form gives the following particulars which should be filled in by the applicant:—

i. Commodity;
ii. Weight in tons or maunds;
iii. Estimated number of wagons required;
iv. Whether any special type of wagon is required;
v. Station from and to with name of Rly. in each case;
vi. Names of consignors and consignees;
vii. Period within which it is desired that the movement be completed.
viii. Reasons why the movement is:—
(a) essential, and
(b) urgent.

5. Booking of traffic in tank wagons is not governed by the Priority List.

6. The extent up to which loading is possible, depends upon the availability of wagons from time to time. The Public are, therefore advised to get in touch with the Station Masters before tendering their goods for despatch.

(7316)

THE UDWADA VAPI ELECTRIC SUPPLY COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the shareholders of the Udwada Vapi Electric Supply Company, Ltd., will be held on THURSDAY, the 20th day of January, 1944 at 5 P. M. (S. T.) at the registered office of the Company, Room No. 21, Central Bank Building, Fort, Bombay, to transact the following business:—

1. To elect two Directors in place of Mr. C. H. Bhabha and Mr. M. R. Kavarana who retire by rotation under Article 124 of the Articles of Association of the Company and who are eligible for re-election
2. To appoint Auditors and to fix their remuneration.
3. To transact any other business that may be brought before the Meeting by the Chairman.

By Order of the Board of Directors
For Raiyomand Engineering Co.,
D. S. DAMANIA.
Partner,
Managing Agents.

Bombay, 27th December, 1943.

N.B.—The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from Monday, the 10th day of January, 1944 to Saturday, the 22nd day of January, 1944 both days inclusive.

(7320)

CLERKS WANTED.

CLERKS required for Bombay Office. The appointments are temporary but hold prospects for good men. Candidates must be able to speak and write excellent English. Minimum Typing Speed of 40 words per minute preferable. Applications must be made at Naval Works Office, Metro Building, Bombay, in person, with testimonials, at 3 p. m. any day within the next week. Starting Salary Rs. 60|- plus usual Dearness Allowance. (7329)

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT
North-Thana Division.
BANDRA.

Sealed tenders in B-2 Form (Item rate) are invited and will be received and opened by the undersigned at 4 P.M. on FRIDAY 28th January, 1944 at Bandra "Sans Souci" Bungalow, Hill Road for the work of Providing and constructing the R.C.C., Balancing Reservoir, Andheri—
estimated amount Rs. 20.343.
do. do. Vile-Parle estimated amount Rs. 16,281
estimated amount Juhu Rs. 4,568

Forms of tenders, specifications and any other information may be obtained from the office of the Executive Engineer, North-Thana at Bandra on Payment of Rs. 3 (Three only) on any working day except the day on which the tenders are to be opened.

A. B. REGE,
Executive Engineer,
North-Thana Division.

27/12/43. 7325

UNIVERSITY OF BOMBAY

In pursuance of Statute 135, Registered Graduates of the University of Bombay are hereby informed that applications for recording changes, if any, in the Electoral Roll of Registered Graduates should be made to the Registrar, University of Bombay, not later than the 31st January, 1944. Applications received after the said date will not be attended to.

Copies of the existing Electoral Roll are kept in all the Colleges affiliated to the University and are available for reference at the Colleges.

By order,
S. R. DONGERKERY,
University Registrar.

Bombay, 21st December, 1943. 7318

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.
NOTICE.

TENDERS for the supply of Hay and Rice Straw for one year from 1-3-1944 are re-invited and will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay not later than 1 P. M. (B. T.) on 12-1-1944.

Tender I—Hay about 44,00,000 lbs. and rice straw about 30,000 lbs. to be supplied in Bombay.

Tender II—Hay about 80,00,000 lbs. to be supplied at the Municipal Slaughter House at Bandra.

The hay should be Bhel or Fool (fine quality). The supply of rice straw should be of fine quality from Deccan side and not thick and course with lot of fibrous material.

Tenderers quoting for any other quality should specify the quality for which they are tendering.

Forms of Tenders, specifications &c. will be given to any one on payment of Rupee one only for each set of Tender forms by the undersigned who will give any further particulars required.

The Tenders should be enclosed in a sealed envelope which must be endorsed "Tender for the supply of hay and rice straw for Municipal cattle" addressed to the Municipal Commissioner and delivered at the office of the Chief Accountant, Municipal Offices, Fort, Bombay.

Only hand pressed bundles of hay of the crops of the years 1942 and 1943 will be accepted.

K. Y. SANZGIRI,
Assistant Health Officer.

Public Health Department,
Municipal Offices,
Bombay, 28-12-1943. (7321)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Certificates as shown below in respect of the Shares of the abovementioned companies, standing in the name of Mr. Madhavdas Vithaldas, have been lost or mislaid, and the undersigned has applied to the said companies to issue duplicate Share Certificates for the said shares.

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Dated this 29th day of December, 1943.

Signed MADHAVDAS VITHALDAS.
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